## **ANALYSIS**

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commission and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.72, relating to the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission. The amendments change the composition of the Commission, add and amend the Commission's duties, and permit the Commission to contract with the County for certain types of services.

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An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commission and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 3.72.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## 3.72.040 Membership and composition.

The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall be composed as follows:

- A. The chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors as designated by the chair;
- B. The director of the Los Angeles County department of public health, and the director of the Los Angeles County department of mental health, and the director of the Los Angeles County department of children and family services, each of whom may also designate an alternate to serve in his or her absence;
- C. An expert on early childhood education who is nominated by the Los-Angeles County superintendent of schools;
- DC. Five members, one nominated by each member of the Board of Supervisors, from the following categories: recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; representatives of local child care resource or referral agencies, or local child care coordinating groups; representatives of local organizations for prevention or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based

organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies.

**SECTION 2.** Section 3.72.050 is hereby amended to read as follows: **3.72.050 Ex officio representatives.** 

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that the Commission for Children and Families, the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and the Child Care Advisory Board, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education have expertise, experience and knowledge which is, and will continue to be, invaluable to the Commission in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. Therefore, the Commission shall request each of the above-mentioned organizations to designate an ex officio representative who will serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission. The ex officio representative from the Los Angeles County Office of Education shall be an expert on early childhood education who is nominated by the Los Angeles County superintendent of schools. While the ex officio representatives will not have voting or other membership rights, they will have the ability to contribute their experience and expertise to the matters considered by the Commission. The Commission shall consider the advice and opinions of these ex officio representatives when preparing the county strategic plan and in fulfilling its other duties and responsibilities.

**SECTION 3.** Section 3.72.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## 3.72.080 Duties and responsibilities.

The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. To implement the goals and objectives of the Act;
- B. To prepare an adequate and complete county strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within the county. The Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan prior to its adoption. The plan shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for its review and comment prior to submission to the State Commission. If the Board makes any modifications to the plan, the plan, including any modifications made by the Board, shall be returned to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission shall adopt the plan, including any modifications presented by the Board which the Commission deems appropriate and shall submit the adopted plan to the State Commission.
- 1. The county strategic plan shall be consistent with, and in furtherance of the purposes of, the Act and any guidelines adopted by the State Commission pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130125(b) that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted.
- 2. The county strategic plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the elements specified in Health and Safety Code Section 130140(a)(1)(C)(ii). No county strategic plan shall be deemed adequate or complete until and unless the plan describes how programs, services, and projects relating to early childhood development within the county will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system;

- C. To review the county strategic plan on at least an annual basis and revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate. The Commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on its periodic review of the plan before any revisions to the plan are adopted. The revised plan shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for its review and comment prior to submission to the State Commission. If the Board makes any modifications to the revised plan, the revised plan, including any modifications made by the Board, shall be returned to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission shall adopt the revised plan, including any modifications presented by the Board which the Commission deems appropriate, and shall submit the revised plan to the State Commission;
- D. To measure the outcomes of county funded programs through the use of applicable, reliable indicators and review that information on a periodic basis as part of the public review of the county strategic plan;
- E. To submit its adopted county strategic plan, and any subsequent revisions thereto, to the State Commission;
- F. To prepare and adopt an annual audit and report pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130150 and conduct at least one public hearing prior to adopting any annual audit and report;
- 1. The Commission shall, on at least an annual basis, adopt an audit, in addition to, or as part of, the annual audit, that incorporates review of any additional areas the Commission deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, procurement, contracting, program monitoring/effectiveness, and budgetary compliance.

- The Commission may obtain, subject to reimbursement from the Trust Fund, accounting services through the Los Angeles County auditor-controller. If the Commission elects to use another auditor, such auditor shall be of comparable competence and expertise to the Los Angeles County auditor-controller;
- G. To conduct at least one public hearing on each annual report by the State Commission prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130150(b).
- H. To provide quarterly reports to the Board of Supervisors on issues including: contracts; program implementation; accounting and budgeting; outcome measures; and, any other issues the Board of Supervisors deems appropriate;
- I. To establish a standing budget and finance committee to review, at a minimum, recommended quarterly financial updates and a proposed annual business plan that includes a detailed analysis of budgeted versus actual spending;
- HJ. To comply with all applicable requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 130140, or any successor statute, as such statutes may be amended from time to time.;

**SECTION 4.** Section 3.72.120 is hereby added to read as follows:

## 3.72.120 Other services.

The Commission may obtain, via contract with Los Angeles County and subject to reimbursement from the Trust Fund, services needed in the areas of budgeting, contracting, procurement, auditing, or any other services the Commission deems appropriate.

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